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Twins. Separated

▶ Allison and Amelia Lee Tucker are seen with parents Greg and Shellie Tucker.

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Always together, but apart for twin girls

Two formerly conjoined twins made their public debut Thursday at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia six weeks after doctors separated them. Allison and Amelia Lee Tucker, of Adams, N.Y., were born joined at the lower chest and abdomen, and sharing their chest wall, diaphragm, pericardium and liver. Until this week, the girls, who are nearly 10 months old, had spent their entire lives at CHOP. METRO

News in brief

Mysterious death in Bensalem

BUCKS COUNTY. Investigators on Thursday recovered the body of a 73-year-old woman who was reported missing Wednesday night after she stepped out of a holiday party and never returned. A crew of workers spotted the body of Jean Carson in the Delaware River near the Burlington-Bristol Bridge and called police. It is unclear at the moment how Carson died or how long her body was in the water. Police said Carson was last seen around 10 p.m., when she reportedly went to have a cigarette outside the home, which backs up to the Neshaminy Creek. The investigation is ongoing.

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10 Carson was last seen at about 10 p.m. on Wednesday.

Priest attacked in Center City

Police are looking for a man who allegedly robbed and maced a priest Wednesday afternoon in Center City.

Investigators said the 65-year-old Episcopalian minister was standing on Walnut Street near 12th Street waiting for the Route 42 bus.

He had reportedly just delivered communion to homebound congregants and was in the process of returning when, around 3:30 p.m., an unknown man sprayed him with some type of chemical.

The man pulled a money clip containing $125 from the priest's left pocket, tearing his pants, before fleeing east on Walnut Street, police said. He was caught on camera entering SEPTA's Broad Street Line subway at the Walnut Street station.

▶ The suspect

The attack came mere hours after a coalition of religious leaders met on 6th Street near Race Street to demand an end to violence plaguing communities in Philadelphia, as well as around the nation.

"Society is coming apart at the seams," Bishop Charles Bennison of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania said during the rally. "Excessive individualism and a lack of neighborliness are tearing apart the fabric of our community."

The priest was treated and released at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. The hunt is now on for the suspect, who is described as a black male with a thick, bushy mustache last seen wearing dark-colored clothing and a dark knit cap.

ALEX WIGGLESWORTH

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"Society is coming apart at the seams. Excessive individualism and a lack of neighborliness are tearing apart the fabric of our community."

BENNISON

In the news

One dead, five injured in city shootings

PHILADELPHIA. Six people were shot in five separate shootings between Wednesday night and Thursday morning, authorities said.

In the lone fatality, two 24-year-old men were shot on the 2000 block of Castor Avenue in Frankford shortly before 1 a.m. Thursday. One man was struck in the torso and died at Temple University Hospital, while the second man was shot twice in the thigh and is in stable condition.

No arrests have yet been made in any of the shootings. METRO

Former ADA sentenced for fleeing scene

DELAWARE COUNTY. A former county prosecutor was sentenced to four to eight months in jail for leaving the scene of a car accident that seriously injured a Haverford teenager.

Michael Donahue, 32, was convicted of the misdemeanor earlier this year for the November 2011 incident in Upper Darby. Donahue was on his way home from a bar where he had been drinking with co-workers, according to testimony.

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Booker will not challenge Christie, does eye Senate run

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"Let there be no doubt. I will complete my full second term as mayor of Newark, New Jersey."
– BOOKER

▶ Booker ended weeks of speculation with Thursday's announcement.

Newark Mayor Cory Booker said on Thursday he will consider running for one of New Jersey's seats in the U.S. Senate after his mayoral term ends in two years.

"Let there be no doubt, I will complete my full second term as mayor of Newark, New Jersey. And as for my political future, I will explore the possibility of running for the United States Senate in 2014," Booker, a Democrat, said in a video posted on YouTube Thursday morning.

New Jersey's senior U.S. senator, Democrat Frank Lautenberg, ends his current term in 2014. A survey by Public Policy Polling released last month found most New Jersey Democrats would like to see Lautenberg, who is the oldest sitting U.S. senator at age 88, retire at the end of his term rather than run for re-election.

60%
Six in 10 registered New Jersey voters said they want to see Booker run for the U.S. Senate when his term ends in 2014.

The same survey found Booker leading the pack of potential Democratic candidates for the Senate seat, with six in 10 voters saying they want to see him run.

Booker had previously said that he was considering opposing New Jersey's Republican Gov. Chris Christie in 2014's gubernatorial election.

A Quinnipiac University poll released last month found that two-thirds of New Jersey voters say Christie deserves to be re-elected, and a match-up between Christie and Booker had the Republican governor winning by 53 percent to 35 percent.
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In the news

Health Dept. apologizes for leaking patient information

NEW JERSEY. The Garden State's medical marijuana program suffered another blow this week after a Health Department e-mail to more than 400 people accidentally revealed patient information.

The message went out to participants in the medical marijuana program, displaying their e-mail addresses, and in many cases, the names of registered patients, according to KYW Newsradio. The Health Department later apologized for the inadvertent message and vowed it would never happen again.

The program has been criticized for numerous delays. The state's first dispensary opened two weeks ago in Montclair nearly three years after the law took effect. Five other dispensaries have been approved and are in various stages of the process. METRO

▶ Some patients' names were released.

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

Bolaris bilkers convicted

FLORIDA. Three men who bilked local weatherman John Bolaris and dozens of others by using women as part of a bar scam were convicted by a Miami federal jury on Thursday.

Bolaris, who writes a column for Metro, was in Miami in spring 2010 when he was drugged on two separate occasions by two women who stole his credit card. He was scammed out of $43,000. A total of about 90 people were victimized, authorities said. METRO

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Guns sold out at Wal-Mart as ammo costs surge on eBay

▶ Wal-Mart doesn't disclose how many guns it sells, though at an analysts' meeting in October it said gun revenue gained 76 percent in the first half of this fiscal year.

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With President Barack Obama endorsing sweeping gun restrictions in the wake of the school shootings in Newtown, Conn., prices for handgun magazines are surging on eBay and semi-automatic rifles are sold out at many Wal-Mart locations.

Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, said Wednesday that it would continue to sell guns, including rifles like the one used at Newtown, where 26 people, most of them children, were killed on Dec. 14. By contrast, Dick's Sporting Goods suspended sales of similar guns at its more than 500 stores.

Searches of five kinds of semi-automatic rifles on Wal-Mart's website showed them to be out of stock at stores in five states, including Pennsylvania, Kansas and Alabama. Wal-Mart doesn't sell guns online, instead asking customers to input a ZIP code to see if their local store carries a specific weapon.

"We remain dedicated to the safe and responsible sale of firearms in areas of the country where they are sold," David Tovar, a spokesman for Wal-Mart, said yesterday.

Another spokesman, Kory Lundberg, said Thursday that the company is sticking by its decision not to change its gun assortment. He declined to comment on gun sales since Newtown. Wal-Mart sells guns in 1,800 of its more than 3,800 U.S. stores, he said. Rifles like the one used in Newtown are available in 1,200 locations and the retailer doesn't sell high-capacity magazines for those guns, he said. **BLOOMBERG**

Wal-Mart guns

Wal-Mart has about 10 modern sporting rifles, the gun industry's term for firearms that look like an M-16 military rifle, listed on its website. The retailer removed a description and picture of the Bushmaster AR-15, which was the model used in Newtown, after the shootings.

NRA prepares for push after Newtown shootings

The head of the National Rifle Association will discuss gun control and violence in the United States on a weekend television talk show, as the group mounts its response to the Connecticut school shootings.

NRA Chief Executive Wayne LaPierre will appear on NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday, his first interview since the killing of 20 young children and six adults at a school in Newtown, Conn., last Friday.

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▶ LaPierre

The show said LaPierre would talk about gun control and "what he thinks should be done to curb the threat of violence in America" during his appearance.

The group, one of the most powerful lobbying groups in the United States, kept largely quiet in the first days after the Newtown shootings. It broke its silence on Tuesday to say it wanted to contribute meaningfully to prevent another massacre like the Connecticut shooting and would hold a "major" news conference on Friday. **REUTERS**

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Opinion

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POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT FOR CNN

MY, OH, MAYAN

If you are reading this, then the world has not ended. The Mayans blew the call as badly as the substitute referees in the Green Bay-Seattle game. At least I think they did. Everyone keeps saying the Mayan calendar predicted the end of time this weekend, but I couldn't find any reference to it on my Mayan calendar, which I have hanging next to my Aztec refrigerator and Incan microwave oven. Maybe that's because I bought the swimsuit edition.

Anyway, I'm not surprised the Mayans missed the mark. For starters, they ran this calendar off at Kinko's about 5,000 years ago, and while I understand they correctly predicted the appearance of the '80s television show "Different Strokes," they failed to foresee Gary Coleman's later financial problems.

That alone should have made us suspicious about this whole "end of the world" nonsense.

Beyond that, if the Mayans were so good at seeing things coming, why didn't they find a way to hold onto that vast empire they had more than a thousand years ago?

"Hey, Huehuetlotl, did you notice that big prediction about the collapse of our civilization? Think we ought to do something?"

"Nah. The world's just going to end anyway."

There are a lot of related predictions of equally dubious authenticity. My favorite is the one about a small French village, where "new agers" think space aliens will emerge from the mountains to save whoever survives the apocalypse.

So presumably, the legacy of humanity carried off into the cosmos will include crepes, long lunches and a fascination with Jerry Lewis.

Ah well. Maybe I got the date wrong. Perhaps sometime before next week, the Mayans will prove correct and the heavens will fill with falling, fiery meteorites. The rivers will boil, housing values will decline rapidly once again, and no one else will have to sit through that dreadful movie "Anna Karenina," which honestly made the book seem short by comparison. But I'm going to keep Christmas shopping just in case.

*– CNN's **Tom Foreman** is a regular on "AC360°"/ www.ac360.com and "The Situation Room."*

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In the news

State Dept. vows reform after Benghazi

WASHINGTON. The State Department will seek billions of dollars in new funds and revamp security around the globe in response to an independent investigation of the attack on the U.S. mission in Benghazi, Libya, senior State Department officials said on Thursday.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's two top deputies appeared at a Senate hearing and conceded that U.S. officials had failed to "connect the dots" ahead of the attack, which killed U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three others.

"We learned some very hard and painful lessons in Benghazi," Deputy Secretary of State William Burns said. "We are already acting on them. We have to do better."

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‘Baktun’ the future?

It’s unlikely that the world won’t exist Monday — not even the Mayan calendar actually suggests such extremes Scientists weigh in on how we’re likely to go

It was fun while it lasted, but it seems the world is ending. A growing clamor, based on the Mayan calendar, insists that Dec. 21, 2012, marks the death of humanity. Even NASA has received thousands of terrified messages from the public.

But the calendar has been misinterpreted, say the experts, who claim the doomsday refers only to the end of a cycle. The Mayan calendar is split into 394-year “baktuns,” and 2013 will see a new era.

“The 13th Baktun will end on Dec. 21, and another will start,” says Ines Valera-Silva, a researcher in Mayan studies at Loughborough University, U.K.. “That’s all. A catastrophe has never been predicted.”

Mayans today have stopped using the old calendar, adds Valera-Silva, who finds the panic strange. “There is no reason to interpret this as a prophecy, but some people are excited by it.”

Hollywood movies and social media have driven the debate on exactly how the world will end. One Facebook page with 13,000 fans suggests it will come from a space object, but we checked with scientists to get a better idea.

“The biggest threat is a comet impact,” says Benny Peiser, catastrophe specialist and founder of climate policy network CCNet. “It happens every few million years and could happen at any time. Astronomers are scanning the sky for potential risk, and we need to solve the problem for good by developing the technology to deflect asteroids.”

More Mayan interpreters believe that a black hole will open in 2012 and swallow us all. The fear led to widespread criticism of scientists working on the Large Hadron Collider, reportedly capable of producing a black hole.

We may not need cosmic forces to summon armageddon. The number of nuclear nations has grown swiftly and with it, the risk of a “final war.”

“It’s no secret how to make the weapons, and it’s not hard to think of people crazy enough to use them,” says Alan Robock, environmental scientist at Rutgers University and author of “Nuclear Winter Revisited.” Besides the threat of terrorists, Robock sees a risk in regional feuds between nuclear powers.

The endless possibilities explain the interest in bookmaker William Hill’s offer of 1,000,000 to 1 on the world ending. “Some may say it is a bet we can never lose, for the obvious reason that we won’t be here to pay out should it happen,” spokesman Graham Sharpe says.

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▶ Worshippers gather at the Mayan temple of Kukulkan at Chichen Itza, Mexico.

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“The 13th Baktun will end on Dec. 21, and another will start. That’s all.”
VALERA-SILVA

Apocalypse options

- **Comet strike:** Still the most immediate threat and likely to be sudden. **Fear factor: 7/10**
- **Nuclear war:** Growing with proliferation and probably more likely than world peace. **FF: 6/10**
- **Global warming:** Rising sea levels already threatening islands in the Pacific, but a slow burner. **FF: 4/10**
- **Disease pandemic:** Disease watchdogs say it could happen, but is unlikely to catch us by surprise. **FF: 2/10**
- **Sun burnout:** A sure thing, but will be in 4.5 billion years’ time. **FF: 0/10**

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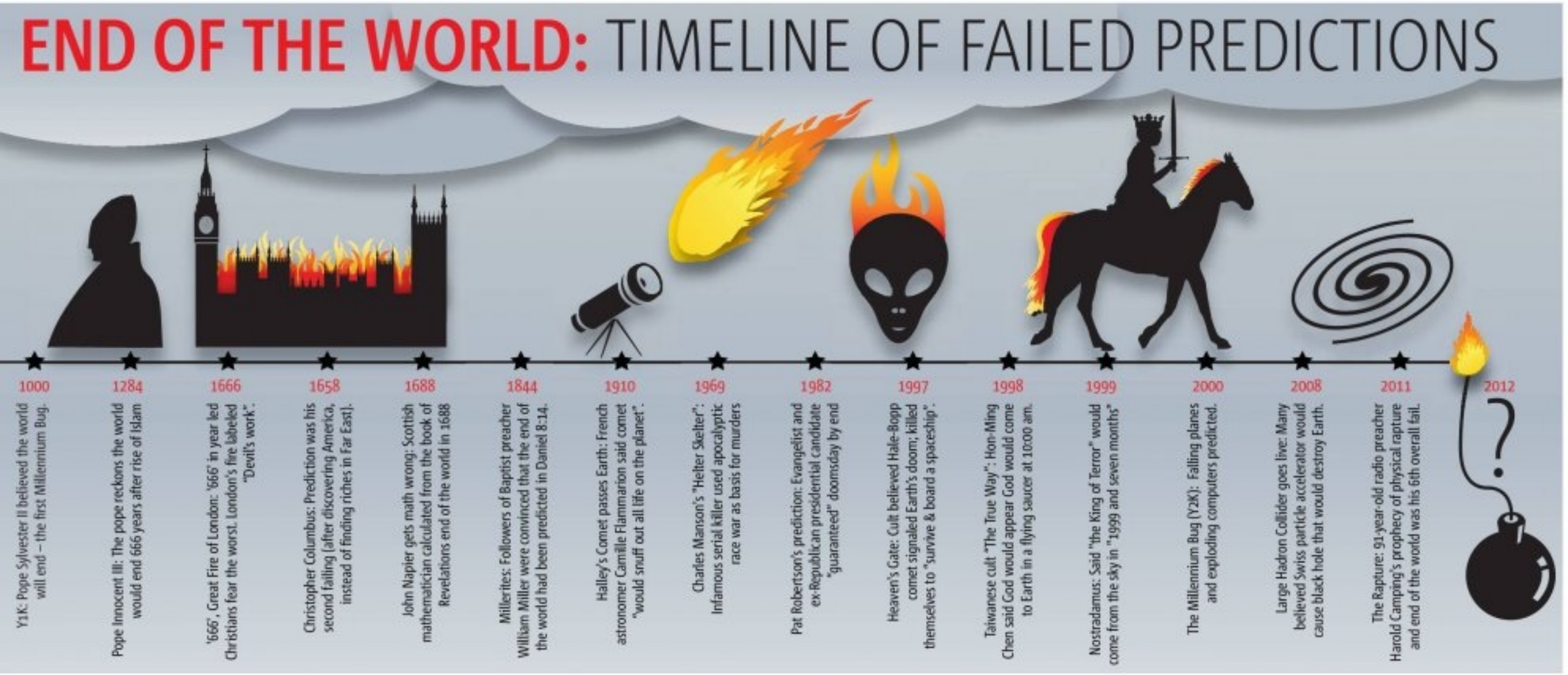
▶ This Mayan manuscript suggests an end to a calendar cycle.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Y1K: Pope Sylvester II believed the world will end – the first Millennium Bug.
1284
Pope Innocent III: The pope reckons the world would end 666 years after rise of Islam
1666
‘666’, Great Fire of London: ‘666’ in year led Christians fear the worst. London’s fire labeled “Devil’s work”.
1658
Christopher Columbus: Prediction was his second failing (after discovering America, instead of finding riches in Far East).
1688
John Napier gets math wrong: Scottish mathematician calculated from the book of Revelations end of the world in 1688
1844
Millerites: Followers of Baptist preacher William Miller were convinced that the end of the world had been predicted in Daniel 8:14.
1910
Halley’s Comet passes Earth: French astronomer Camille Flammarion said comet “would snuff out all life on the planet”.
1969
Charles Manson’s “Helter Skelter”: Infamous serial killer used apocalyptic race war as basis for murders
1982
Pat Robertson’s prediction: Evangelist and ex-Republican presidential candidate “guaranteed” doomsday by end
1997
Heaven’s Gate: Cult believed Hale-Bopp comet signaled Earth’s doom; killed themselves to “survive & board a spaceship”.
1998
Taiwanese cult “The True Way”: Hon-Ming Chen said God would appear God would come to Earth in a flying saucer at 10:00 am.
1999
Nostradamus: Said “the King of Terror” would come from the sky in “1999 and seven months”
2000
The Millennium Bug (Y2K): Falling planes and exploding computers predicted.
2008
Large Hadron Collider goes live: Many believed Swiss particle accelerator would cause black hole that would destroy Earth.
2011
The Rapture: 91-year-old radio preacher Harold Camping’s prophecy of physical rapture and end of the world was his 6th overall fail.
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JOSE NATIVIDAD IC XEC

Native Mayan Jose Natividad Ic Xec says the doomsday prediction has nothing to do with the end of the world

Jose Natividad Ic Xec, a native Mayan living in Merida, the capital of Yucatan in Mexico where the Mayan civilization once thrived, has dedicated his life to promote his culture and tradition. Xec explains what the doomsday prophecy really means for his compatriots.

▶ On Dec. 21 and 22, Mayans intend to carry out their day as usual.

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What does Dec. 21 mean to the Mayan people?

For Mayans living in Yucatan, this date means nothing. Like anyone else, we spend that day thinking about what we are going to eat, about our jobs or how the next few months will be for us. This date was only conceived as a stage in a calendar marking the end of 13 baktuns [a baktun is a period of 394 years, or 144,000 days]. And so, it's just the end of an era in a calendar.

The end-of-the-world prophecy is all fantasy?

People speak of a revolution in human consciousness, a new light that will shine upon the world. Believers talk of some kind of transformation and will gather at the Mayan pyramids to perform some kind of ritual. But all of this is not attributed to the Maya, we really don't care about it — on the contrary, it makes us laugh. Our people know little about the ancient Mayan Long Count calendar. The only thing we know is that the date Dec. 22 marks an end in the calendar, but people are using the date Dec. 21 because it is the solstice and thus a more memorable date.

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"Dec. 21 makes Mayans laugh."

IC XEC

Then why is the date such a big deal?

Experts claim that the 13th baktun is a good opportunity for people to make a profit out of those who believe. And if those faithful genuinely believe in it, they would be frightened; they would look for a bunker or think about a plan of survival. So this end of the world talk is only a bit of fun.

You use social networks to promote your culture. How popular is Chilam Balam [Xec's blog based on the Mayan historical document allegedly containing prophecies]?

It's a concept that I started two years ago, first on Twitter and Facebook, then on a blog. On my website, I publish stories on Mayan culture and its characteristics.

Do you have any plans to mark the Mayan event?

Yes, on Dec. 21 and 22, I will be doing live broadcasts from [ancient Mayan civilization site] Chichen Itza.

ERIKA PADRON
METRO WORLD NEWS

Jose Natividad Ic Xec

- **Age:** 49
- **Born:** Peto, a Mayan village in Mexican state Yucatan
- **Background:** Parents were Mayan speakers; grew up speaking Mayan and later learned Spanish; at the end of secondary school moved to Merida, where he currently resides; worked at the Diario de Yucatan newspaper for 17 years; also studied philosophy and theology at the Seminario Conciliar de Yucatan

Booming doomsday industry exploits anxiety — and can be very dangerous

Have you done your apocalypse shopping yet? You could drop $30,000 on a space in a luxury underground bunker, or a cheaper "survival kit" that can help you eat grass. Apocalypse literature is a booming industry, with sales from the "Left Behind" book series worth almost $1 billion.

Many experts trace the birth of the apocalypse industry to the Millerite movement, when preacher William Miller launched a well-funded campaign with its own newspaper to promote his vision of doomsday in the 1840s.

"Systematic commercialization first arose from fear of nuclear war in the 1960s with companies building bomb shelters," says Lorne Dawson, sociologist and author of "Prophetic Failure and Millennial Movements." "That showed the business opportunity, and it continued with the survivalist movement of the 1970s and the growing fear of an eco-catastrophe."

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▶ Plans for doomsday? Dress up like a Mayan and find solace in drink.

The years 2000 and 2012 have increased the focus on doomsday, and Dawson believes it taps into a basic human desire. "Simple psychology shows that people need to believe they do not live in chaos, that there is a higher purpose."

Apocalypse preaching has engendered a backlash following tragic cases such as the death of British teenager Isabel Taylor, who committed suicide in 2011 partly through fear of the end. "It's an industry that exploits anxiety and can be dangerous," says Bill Hudson, astronomer and editor of the 2012hoax.org blog.

Even if 2012 passes without incident, do not expect the industry to stop. "Even when a theory is debunked, a core group tends to become even more fervent," says Hudson. "True believers are locked in. You can't reason someone out of a position they didn't reason themselves into."

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Prophecy injecting billions of dollars into Mexican economy

The Mayan prophecy will have attracted more than $15 billion in tourist revenue by the end of 2012, as millions flock to the country to discover its indigenous civilization.

Mexico's Ministry of Tourism predicts 52 million visitors will have come to Mexico by the end of 2012, many of whom will have visited the Mundo Maya (Quintana Roo, Yucatan and Campeche states).

"Today we are the 10th power for tourism in the world, and we are working hard to be in the Top 5," outgoing president Felipe Calderon said.

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Party like a Mayan

About 500 Mayan-themed events will have taken place by the end of the year to celebration Mexico's native culture.

- **Festival Mundo Maya:** A folk festival that celebrates Mayan traditions in the Mexican city of Campeche until Dec. 30.
- **The End of the Long Count Mayan Calendar:** The 365-step pyramid of Chichen Itza will host a ceremonial event on Dec. 21.
- **Visit here: The Gran Museo del Mundo Maya:** Located in Yucatan's capital, the museum holds precious Mayan artifacts.

2012 CELEBRITY BUCKET LISTS

What's your list of things to do before the world ends?

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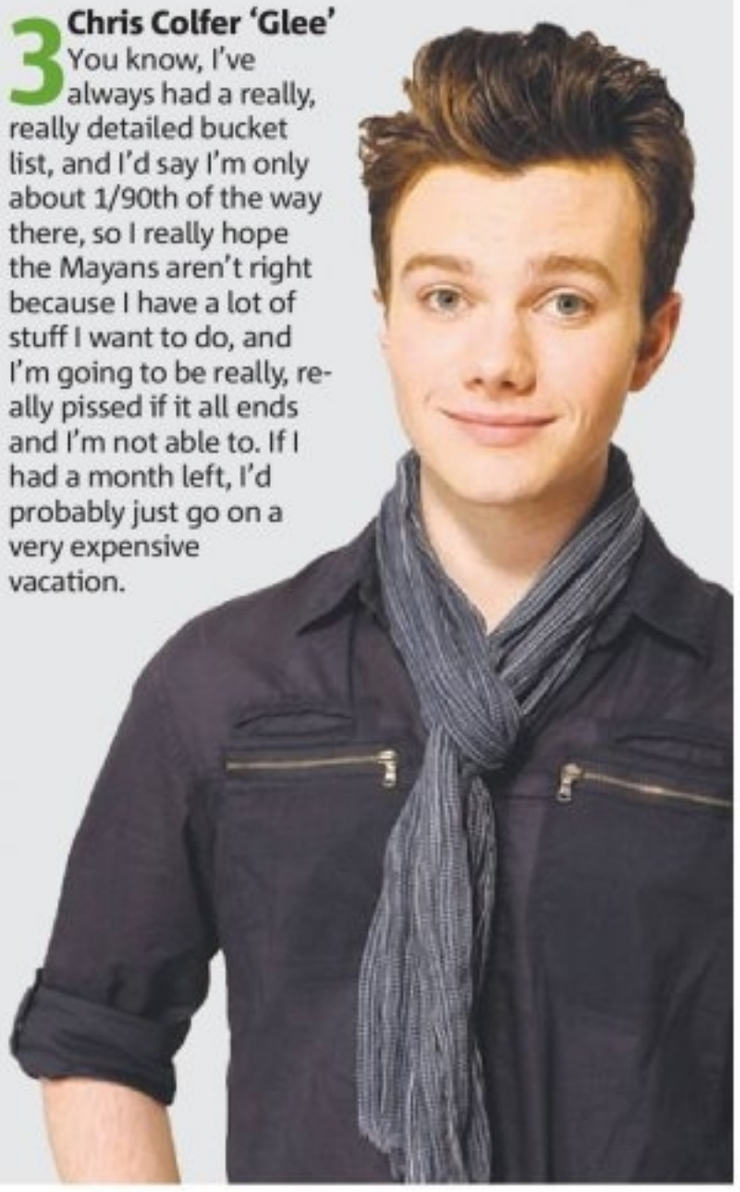
1 Jake Abel 'The Host'
If I knew the world was going to end, I would skydive — which is something that normal people do, but it would take the end of the Earth for me. But without a parachute. I would just jump out of an airplane.

2 Kiernan Shipka 'Mad Men'
I don't think the world's going to end — but if it really was going to, I'd probably want to skydive.

3 Chris Colfer 'Glee'
You know, I've always had a really, really detailed bucket list, and I'd say I'm only about 1/90th of the way there, so I really hope the Mayans aren't right because I have a lot of stuff I want to do, and I'm going to be really, really pissed if it all ends and I'm not able to. If I had a month left, I'd probably just go on a very expensive vacation.



4 Maggie Grace 'Taken 2'
Honestly, one of my sort of bucket list items I just ticked off. I did a Broadway play for the first time. It was terrifying. But it's something I've wanted to do since I was 11 years old. So I at least checked one off.

5 Kellan Lutz 'The Twilight Saga'
No, I don't [have one], because I don't believe the world's going to come to an end. God never gave a date, so I don't believe it's going to happen. So there's no need for me to make a plan B with all that. I'm just living my life every day to the fullest, enjoying life and taking advantage of opportunities.

6 Michael Sheen 'The Twilight Saga'
I was actually thinking of ending the world tonight, at the "Twilight" premiere. When the film finishes, my curtain call is to suddenly reveal myself as the god Quetzalcoatl and bring it all to an end.

7 Billy Burke 'Revolution'
No, I don't have one. I wish all the doomsday-ers well. I think they're all going to be fine on Dec. 21. But if I'm wrong, then I'll see you on the other side.

8 Teresa Palmer 'Warm Bodies'
Oh gosh, end of the world bucket list? Yeah, I would've liked to have had a baby before the end of the world, but there's not really time for that. I'm not sure what I'm going to do. I want to jump out of a plane, for sure. I would just eat so much food, 24-7, just eat and eat and eat. Travel around the world, eating from all different cultures. That'd be amazing.

9 Max Burkholder 'Parenthood'
Skydive, scuba dive ... everything dive. Just a bunch of stuff like that, just the craziest things you can do.

10 Joel McHale 'Community'
An end of the world bucket list? Yes. A really sturdy bucket.

The Top 5 end-of-the-world films

The end of the world may or may not be upon us, but Hollywood has been preparing us for this moment for decades. The higher the stakes, the bigger the drama — and there's no higher stakes than the fate of the entire world. So here are our picks for the best films about the end of the world. (While Roland Emmerich's "2012" is worth mentioning, it is — like his "The Day After Tomorrow" just not very good.) NED EHRBAR

1 'Children of Men' (2006)
Alfonso Cuaron's adaptation of P.D. James' novel about a world unraveling after women are no longer able to get pregnant is a masterpiece, a gripping and hyperrealistic look at how society deals with calamity. The real tragedy is how little attention it got upon its release. Watch it now, while you still have time.

2 'Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb' (1964)
Stanley Kubrick made it OK to laugh in the face of possible nuclear annihilation with this pointed satire of escalation and mutually assured destruction, culminating with Slim Pickens' famous ride on a warhead.

3 'Melancholia' (2011)
Dazzling visuals and an impressive, against-type performance by Kirsten Dunst buoy this divisive film from Lars von Trier about a family trying to get through a wedding while a rogue planet hurtles toward Earth, threatening total annihilation.

4 'The Cabin in the Woods' (2012)
Drew Goddard's hilarious, twist-filled take on horror movies (co-written by Joss Whedon) is more than it seems.

5 'Night of the Comet' (1984)
Call it "The Omega Valley Girls." In this sci-fi horror comedy gem, two no-nonsense teenage sisters contend with zombies in the fallout of the titular comet reducing Los Angeles to rubble.

The last mix you'll hear?

DJ Sam Totolee programs the last dance playlist

"Of course I'd feel anxious if the world were about to end," says DJ Sam Totolee, best known for setting the beat at celebrity parties hosted by Gwyneth Paltrow, Madonna and Kate Moss. "But you have to surrender to the moment and say, 'What the heck!'"

"Start off by playing slow and gentle songs, allowing people to relax and embrace the moment."
- **Nat King Cole**, "Let's Face the Music and Dance"
- **Ella Fitzgerald**, "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off"
- **Dusty Springfield**, "Spooky"
- **Perry Como**, "Magic Moments"
- Frank Sinatra, "My Way"

"In this section, the songs are about living, loving and coming together to face the inevitable."
- **Paul McCartney**, "Live and Let Die"
- **5th Dimension**, "The Age of Aquarius"
- **The Beatles**, "Come Together"
- **The Monkees**, "I'm a Believer"
- **Bowie**, "Lets Dance"
- **Fontella Base**, "Rescue Me"

"Music from the '70s has a funkier groove. I want people to focus on nothing more than dancing and celebrating."
- **Gloria Gaynor**, "I Will Survive"
- **Harold Melvin**, "Don't Leave Me This Way"
- **Michael Jackson**, "Thriller"
- **Kool & the Gang**, "Celebration"
- **Tramps**, "Disco Inferno"
- **Jackson Sisters**, "I Believe in Miracles"
- **Parliament**, "One Nation Under a Groove"
- **Ultra Nate**, "Free"

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▶ DJ Totolee will spin to the end.

"We're taking a leap forward with tunes from the '80s. The sounds are synthesized."
- **Eurythmics**, "Must be an Angel"
- **Talking Heads**, "Once in a Lifetime"
- **The Jacksons**, "Can You Feel It"
- **Human League**, "Together in Electric Dreams"
- **Blondie**, "Atomic"
- **Bangles**, "Eternal Flame"
- **Madness**, "One Step Beyond"
- **George Michael**, "Freedom"

"We need to bring the joy element back into the night."
- **Status Quo**, "Rockin All Over the World"
- **AC/DC**, "Highway to Hell"
- **Queen**, "We Are the Champions" and "Don't Stop Me Now"

"The indie music is really up-tempo. As we switch from one genre to the other, we're reflecting our emotions — which are all over the place."
- **REM**, "Losing My Religion"
- **Red Hot Chilli Peppers**, "I Can't Stop"
- **Killers**, "Mr. Brightside"
- **Mark Ronson**, "Oh My God"

"The calm before the storm."
- **Jay Z**, "99 Problems"
- **Dr Dre**, "Next Episode"
- **DJ Jazzy Jeff & Fresh Prince**, "Boom! Shake the Room"
- **Snoop**, "Let's Get Blown"

"Kick things right up again. What you want is total euphoria."
- **Ke$ha**, "Tik Tok"
- **Pink**, "Raise Your Glass"
- **La Roux**, Bulletproof"
- **Rihanna, Timbaland, Pitbull and more**

"Just before the world is about to end, blast out confetti and smoke, laser lights — pure ecstasy."
- **The Doors**, "The End"

▶ Gayle Isa and the Asian Arts Initiative have quite the year to follow up.

▶ The city lost two firefighters and three police officers this year.

Best of 2012: Local heroes

'Best of' series

All week, Metro has been highlighting selections of the city's best — from bars to salons to dance parties — of 2012. Today we honor the year's best and brightest Philadelphians.

First responders

It's a given that the men and women who, in the name of public safety, run into burning buildings and toward gunfire instead of away are heroes in the truest sense of the word. But this year's deaths of five of Philadelphia's finest — three police officers and two firefighters — have driven that point even closer to home.

"It's been a horrible few years," Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 5 President John McNesby said in August. "We've lost a lot of officers to violence on the streets."

The police department suffered the loss of officers Brian Lorenzo, 48, Marc Brady, 32, and Moses Walker Jr., 40 — all within a little more than a month this summer.

In April, the fire department also lost two of its own: firefighters Daniel Sweeney and Lt. Robert Neary were killed when a wall collapsed as they were battling a warehouse blaze in Kensington.

"My life has changed forever," said Sweeney's father, Capt. David Sweeney, who himself retired from Philadelphia's fire force last year after 35 years of service. "The sense of loss is just very intense. It's affected my wife. She used to be a very positive, upbeat person and we cry every day. We mourn his death every day and we greatly miss him."

Brian Sims

After Brian Sims unseated longtime state Rep. Babette Josephs in the Democratic primary and faced no Republican challengers for the 182nd District seat, the football-stud-turned-activist-attorney seemed poised to become the state's first openly gay legislator.

"I know for certain that 20 years ago this was impossible. I don't think 20 months ago this was possible," he said in April. "Watching so many people stand up over the last year, Republicans and Democrats, Pennsylvanians have heard a lot about equality and democracy."

But the day Sims formally assumed office, Republican state Rep. Mike Fleck took him up on his call for bipartisan support and outed himself in an interview with the Huntingdon Daily News.

"Coming out is hard enough, but doing it in the public eye is definitely something I never anticipated," Fleck said. "I'm still the exact same person and I'm still a Republican."

Regardless of which lawmaker was technically first, Metro salutes all those in the public eye who set invaluable examples by embracing their sexuality.

"This was a difficult decision, and I applaud Rep. Fleck for his honestly," Sims said earlier this month in a column he penned for the Huffington Post. "My hope is that as the representative begins his life as an out, proud gay man, his Republican and my conservative Democratic colleagues will see firsthand that the protections that we seek for our communities are not 'special rights' but basic human rights."

Mark Edelson

Craft brews flow more freely than Meek Mill in our fair city these days. From Yards to Dock Street to PBC, we have an abundance of hopped-up riches. With sincere apologies to San Francisco, it's really not fair right now.

But one local brewery is racking up awards and cashing in on success like none other: Iron Hill Brewery and Restaurant. Meet Mark Edelson. He, along with Kevin Finn and Kevin Davies, founded Iron Hill back in 1994 in Newark, Del. Today, they are up to nine locations in the Delaware Valley, with plans for a 10th (Voorhees, early 2013) and an 11th (Ardmore, 2014) in the works.

Edelson, who serves as Iron Hill's director of brewing, saw the company scoop up two gold medals (Iron Hill Gold Ale, Russian Imperial Stout) at the 2012 World Beer Cup, better known as the Beer Olympics, before walking away with the coveted title of Best Small Brewpub in the World.

Edelson is on record saying that he wishes to open one new brewpub a year for the next couple years. And he won't compromise quality. Each location employs its own master brewer and uses homegrown ingredients in its specialty beers.

One brewer, Chris LaPierre of Iron Hill Maple Shade, trekked all the way to Belgium to collaborate with famed Belgian brewery Brasserie DuPont last March on Speciale Belge, a smoky ale that wowed crowds at Philly Beer Week. Can they top that in 2013? We wouldn't put it past them.

Michelle Shannon

Philadelphia's fashion star has been steadily on the rise, and we all have Michelle Shannon to thank. The style maven started off as manager of sales and marketing for The Gallery at Market East, then joined the Center City District, where she serves as vice president of marketing and communications.

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Strauss

▶ Mark Edelson (right) brewed up a banner year at Iron Hill.

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"If the Mayans are right, that's OK with me. This year has been the craziest, most exhausting and best year of my life."

ZOE STRAUSS

Over the past three years, Shannon has dramatically changed the city's sartorial landscape. She co-chairs the Philadelphia Retail Marketing Alliance, which plays a huge role in scouting out and attracting new retailers to the city.

Shannon also helped launch the Philadelphia Fashion Incubator at Macy's Center City, a residency program that this spring drew accolades from industry bible Women's Wear Daily for its sponsorship and development of emerging local designers. In recognition of her efforts, Shannon was appointed in April as regional co-chair of the International Council of Shopping Centers.

Zoe Strauss

If you were paying attention, you've known Zoe Strauss' name for years. If you weren't, you're still likely familiar with her work — her exhibitions under I-95 were difficult to look away from, with their haunting, sparkling photographs of the city we think we know so well.

But 2012 was, by all accounts, Strauss' year. She traded her highway underpass for the Philadelphia Museum of Art's galleries with a 10-year retrospective of her work, which kicked off with a dance party for the ages DJed by Questlove. After that, it was off to the White House for a meeting with LGBT activists.

When you've got a year like that under your belt, even the end of the world doesn't seem so bad. "If the Mayans are right, that's OK with me," she tells us. "This year has been the craziest, most exhausting and best year of my life."

Gayle Isa

As the founder and director of the Asian Arts Initiative, Gayle Isa has a lot of roles to fill. The arts center hosts year-round performances by local and national artists as well as a full slate of community workshops and forums focused on positive change — it's no small undertaking over there on Vine Street.

But she's also found time to be something of a cheerleader for Chinatown as it establishes itself as a premiere arts district. During a December packed with programming, Isa led a Chinatown arts crawl that include stops at neighbors VOX Populi, Tiger Strikes Asteroid, Marginal Utility, PRACTICE, The Fabric Workshop and Museum, The Action Mill and Underground Arts.

Something tells us we'll be spending some more time in her nook of the city in 2013.

Meryl Levitz

Meryl Levitz is Philly's most tireless cheerleader, and she does her job well. Since she took the helm of the then-newly-created Greater Philadelphia Marketing and Tourism Corporation in 1996, overnight visits to Philly have grown by more than 66 percent and annual domestic leisure visitors have skyrocketed from 10 million to 38 million, setting new records last year.

That's serious stuff, but Levitz also knows how — and when — to have fun. Under her leadership, the GPTMC has come up with two of the city's most well-known campaign slogans: "With Love, Philadelphia XOXO" and "Get Your History Straight and Your Nightlife Gay." The same irreverent spirit permeates the promotional nonprofit's voice-y website — Uwishunu.com — and strong social media presence.

As if being responsible for some $8.7 billion in economic impact isn't enough, Levitz also finds time to serve on the Mayor's Cultural Advisory Council and the boards of the U.S. Travel Association, Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and Independence Visitor Center.

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The Brown Betty team

We've been sweet on the ladies behind Brown Betty Dessert Boutique since they pulled their first batch of red velvet cupcakes out of the oven.

We like them so much we don't even mind sharing as the three-generation operation — Norrinda Brown Hayat; her mom, Linda Hinton Brown; and her grandmother, Elizabeth "Betty" Hinton — steps into the national spotlight thanks to their adorable new cookbook and just as adorable success story, made possible by Hinton's storied poundcake.

And it seems like we might have to get used to sharing on a regular basis — the last time we caught up with Norrinda, she was eying up a Brooklyn expansion for the little cupcake shop that could. No hard feelings, ladies, so long as we can still get our buttercream fix. **ALEXANDRA WIGGLESWORTH, MICHAEL GREGER AND MONICA WEYMOUTH**

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ALL IN THE FAMILY

Judd Apatow talks about directing his wife and kids and the spin-off factor in 'This Is 40' ◆ 'This is our "Frasier" to "Cheers,"' he says

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▶ Maude and Iris Apatow (daughters of director Judd Apatow) star in "This Is 40" alongside Paul Rudd and Leslie Mann, Apatow's wife and his children's mother.

"This Is 40" marks the third time Judd Apatow has directed his wife, Leslie Mann, and their two daughters, Maude and Iris, following "Knocked Up" and "Funny People." But with the girls getting older, the writer-director is giving them more to do onscreen. We sat down with Apatow to discuss the family working dynamic, plus the criticisms that his comedies shouldn't be breaking the two-hour mark in length.

When you're directing your own children, is there a sort of loophole around the usual Hollywood laws for child labor?

There isn't, really. In fact, it works the other way because I look like a jerk in front of the crew if I do anything that seems like pushing with my kids. I have to be very polite — a kiss-ass, really — so there isn't a revolt on the set. I was always afraid that they would just get bored or tired and want to go home, and I would be stuck in this position of saying, "You're not allowed to go home, you're at work." So I worked very hard to make it fun for them so they wanted to stay on the set. And they did. In real life at that time they had a lot of sibling rivalry, and as a result of having to play out all these scenes together where they fight really hard I think they've seen it from another angle — and ever since we shot the movie, they've gotten along really well.

Are they at all worried that they'll be the subject of more of your movies?

They're at that age where every six months they're completely different people, so there's not that much long-range thinking going on. They had a really good time making the movie. They're proud of it. They're having their first real experience of what it's like putting a movie out into the world that they're proud of, but they don't have any plans about acting. They have enough trouble with math and biology.

This is billed as "a sort of sequel to 'Knocked Up,'" but it's more of a spin-off, isn't it?

Yes, this is our "Frasier" to "Cheers."

Was there any effort to get Katherine Heigl involved for at least a cameo?

I just thought honestly about where everybody would be five years later. It would make sense to me that [Heigl's character] Allison got a job somewhere else working at a TV station. They're probably in Atlanta or something like that, Seth and Katherine. I didn't want to bring a lot of people back because I wanted this to be its own world. I said to Katherine, you know, "Look, Seth said he would be happy to do something in the movie," but I felt like this is its own story — and if I had to force them into it, it would just be a sign that this story wasn't working. It's like, "Frasier" doesn't need Sam Malone to do a cameo every week for it to work.

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APATOW, ON HIS DAUGHTERS

Firing back

How do you respond to critics who say your movies are too long?

"There's only so much you can do in 90 minutes. And I don't know why people are in such a rush to get home. It's so expensive to go to the movies, it's such a pain in the ass to get out of the house. You have to give people a reason to not just watch Netflix all day long. Everybody's attention spans are getting shorter because they want to watch the 'Gangnam Style' video 150 times, and then movies have now become the length of funny YouTube videos."

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▶ Child

The best-selling thriller writer is just fine with Tom Cruise taking on his beloved character, Jack Reacher A 6-foot-5 man is hard to find

▶ Tom Cruise is tough, even if he's a little petite.

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Tom Cruise is one of the biggest movie stars in the entire world. If he wants to take your book and turn it into a movie — as well as cast himself as the star — it's a gift from the gods. He has the power to make anything happen.

But the one thing Cruise doesn't have is height. That's a big problem when you're supposed to be portraying Jack Reacher, the epically popular character of the Lee Child novels, who is written as 6-foot-5, tipping the scales at 240 pounds with ice-blue eyes and dirty blond hair.

That does not quite translate into Tom Cruise.

"A lot of the book fans were so upset that they weren't going to get a facsimile of Reacher on the screen," says Jim Grant at a recent press conference to promote the new film "Jack Reacher," which is based off his ninth Reacher novel, "One Shot" (Lee Child is his pen name).

"Tom Cruise isn't a big guy, but portraying the inside of Reacher was so much more important."

CHILD, ON THE CASTING OF TOM CRUISE TO PORTRAY JACK REACHER

"Tom Cruise isn't a big guy, sure, but portraying the inside of Reacher was so much more important," Grant says. "It comes down to talent, of which there are a very limited number of people who have that level of talent and technique."

The uproar that someone who is 5-foot-7 was tapped to play Reacher — a character who has helped to sell 60 million copies of books — reached "Twilight"-message boards levels of hysteria. Grant noted that while he's happy his fans care so much, they have to understand that there aren't really any actors out there that size — a fact he knows firsthand.

"In a hundred years, we haven't had an actor of that size. The camera can't deal with that large of a physicality," he says. "People said, 'What about Hugh Jackman?' Well, I was just on a plane with Hugh Jackman, and he's smaller than me and I'm smaller than Reacher. It just won't happen."

Child promises that what he's seen on the screen won't influence what he writes on the page (meaning, Reacher won't magically shrink and become a brunet in his next book, due out next year).

"I've seen that happen — but don't worry, I've got 17 books out before the movie, soon to be 18," he notes. "The character is so secure; nothing will replace him."

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▶ Leslie Mann and Paul Rudd star in "This Is 40."

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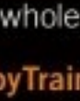
'This Is 40'
Director: Judd Apatow
Cast: Paul Rudd, Leslie Mann, John Lithgow, Megan Fox, Albert Brooks
Rating: R
Grade: ❶❷③④⑤

Judd Apatow has built a career on characters enduring a quest for maturity. And it seems with his most recent features, the director himself has been on that same journey. But in chasing a superlative like "his most mature work to date," which some critics will no doubt be fooled into praising this film as, the director demonstrates that he still doesn't really understand what being a grown-up is all about.

What's good about Apatow is his sense of balance, portraying characters dealing with real-life issues, who are able to still have humor in their lives. With "This Is 40," there are hearty helpings of humor, but the cutting sense of "realism" Apatow tries to achieve is hardly realistic. Simply put, the director's sense of reality is very different from that of most of the people who will be watching this film.

The main characters of "This Is 40," Pete and Debbie, were introduced to audiences as supporting roles in "Knocked Up," who in their brief screen time had a relatable affability about them. But when we are given more than a glimpse into their lives here, there isn't much more to them. Pete (Paul Rudd) runs a floundering indie record label and Debbie (Leslie Mann) runs a boutique. On the eves of their 40th birthdays, they are in the midst of financial crises and early midlife crises (Debbie pretends she's only turning 38). These difficulties are putting strains on their marriage. This sounds like some heavy stuff, and it is, but it's hard to feel bad for these characters when they're driving around in BMWs that they don't even consider selling. The actors are fine, but as characters Pete and Debbie don't earn the happy ending that inexplicably wraps everything up.



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Review

'Reacher' feature a solid effort

'Jack Reacher'
Director: Christopher McQuarrie
Cast: Tom Cruise, Rosamund Pike, Werner Herzog
Rating: PG-13
Grade: ❶❷❸❹½
Tom Cruise channels the macho swagger of John Wayne and Robert Mitchum in this refreshingly unpretentious, old-fashioned and highly entertaining mystery thriller. Cruise plays the titular rogue, an ex-military cop who is called in to aid defense lawyer Rosalind Pike in profiling another soldier who has cold-bloodedly murdered five civilians. Of course there's more to the serpentine case than meets the eye. Often very funny and laid back in its storytelling, "Jack Reacher" gets an extra star for casting cult German director Werner Herzog as a reptilian psychopath, complete with missing fingers and a cataract eye.

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▶ Tom Cruise (here with co-star Robert Duvall) evokes a modern John Wayne in "Jack Reacher."

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Weekend recipe

Holiday sugar cookies

▶ You can make the dough ahead of time and keep it in the fridge, or freeze it until you're ready to use it.

- 2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more as needed
- 1¼ teaspoons baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon fine salt
- 14 tablespoons unsalted butter (1¾ sticks), at room temperature
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg, at room temperature
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- Royal Icing, for decorating (optional)

Directions

▶ **1.** Whisk together the measured flour, baking powder and salt in a medium bowl to aerate and break up any lumps; set aside.

▶ **2.** Place the butter in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment and mix on medium speed until creamy, about one minute. With the mixer running, gradually add the sugar and mix until the butter is lighter in color, about one minute total. Stop the mixer and scrape down the sides of the bowl and the paddle with a rubber spatula.

▶ **3.** Whisk together the egg and vanilla in a small bowl. Return the mixer to medium speed, add the egg mixture and mix until incorporated, about 30 seconds. Stop the mixer and scrape down the sides of the bowl and the paddle. Turn the mixer to low speed, gradually add the flour mixture and mix until just incorporated, about one minute total.

▶ **4.** Scrape the dough onto a piece of plastic wrap and pat it into a 1-inch-thick disk. Wrap tightly and refrigerate until firm enough to roll, at least two hours.

▶ **5.** When you're ready to bake the cookies, heat the oven to 375°F and arrange the racks to divide the oven into thirds. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper; set aside.

▶ **6.** Flour a work surface and a rolling pin. Unwrap the dough and set the plastic wrap aside. Place the dough disk on the work surface and lightly dust both sides with flour. Roll out the dough to a 3/16 - to ¼-inch thickness, frequently dusting the work surface and using an offset or flat spatula to gently slide under and release any dough that sticks to the counter.

▶ **7.** Make one final pass under the dough with the spatula, then use the desired cookie cutters to cut out the cookies (no need to flour the cookie cutters). Remove the dough scraps from around the cookies and set them aside. Using a flat spatula, transfer the cookies to the prepared baking sheets, leaving at least a half-inch of space between them. Form the scraps into a flat disk, wrap it in the reserved plastic and refrigerate.

▶ **8.** Place both sheets in the oven and bake for five minutes. Rotate the baking sheets from front to back and top to bottom and bake until the edges of the cookies are just starting to brown, about five minutes.

▶ **9.** Remove the baking sheets from the oven and let the cookies sit on the sheets for about one minute. Using the flat spatula, remove the cookies to a wire rack and let them cool completely. Let the baking sheets cool, reserving the parchment, then repeat rolling, cutting and baking the dough scraps. Decorate as desired.

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JACK REACHER (PG-13) **Fri** and **Sat** 10:20, 12:30, 1:50, 3:55, 5:15, 7:10, 8:30, 10:30, 11:45. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 10:20-12:30-1:50-3:55-5:15-7:10-8:30-10:25. Digital Presentation
KILLING THEM SOFTLY (R) **Fri** and **Sat** 12:55, 6:35, 12:15. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 12:55-6:35. Digital Presentation
LIFE OF PI (PG) 10:10. Digital Presentation
LIFE OF PI 3D (PG) **Fri** and **Sat** 1:20, 4:25, 7:35, 10:40. RealD 3D; **Sun** 1:20-4:25-7:35-10:35. RealD 3D
LINCOLN (PG-13) 12:15, 3:45, 6:55, 10:35. Digital Presentation
MONSTERS, INC. 3D (G) **Fri** and **Sat** 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00, 12:25. RealD 3D; **Sun** 11:00-1:45-4:30-7:15-10:00. RealD 3D
PLAYING FOR KEEPS (PG-13) 11:25, 5:05, 10:45. Digital Presentation
RED DAWN (PG-13) **Fri** and **Sat** 12:35, 5:40, 11:15. Digital Projection; **Sun** 12:35-5:40. Digital Projection
RISE OF THE GUARDIANS (PG) 10:40, 4:20, 9:35. Digital Presentation
RISE OF THE GUARDIANS 3D (PG) **Fri** and **Sat** 1:25, 6:50, 12:10. RealD 3D; **Sun** 1:25-6:50. RealD 3D
SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK (R) **Fri** and **Sat** 10:45, 1:40, 4:50, 7:45, 10:50. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 10:45-1:40-4:50-7:45-10:40. Digital Presentation
SKYFALL (PG-13) 9:25, 12:40, 3:50, 7:05, 10:25. Digital Presentation
THIS IS 40 (R) **Fri** and **Sat** 9:30, 10:30, 12:45, 1:45, 4:00, 5:00, 7:15, 8:15, 10:30, 11:50. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 9:30-10:30-12:45-1:45-4:00-5:00-7:15-8:15-10:30. Digital Presentation
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN - PART 2 (PG-13) **Fri** and **Sat** 11:10, 2:05, 5:10, 7:50, 10:55. Digital Presentation; **Sun** 11:10-2:05-5:10-7:50-10:45. Digital Presentation
WRECK-IT RALPH (PG) 9:45, 3:00, 8:20. Digital Presentation

AMC Plymouth Meeting Mall 12
888-AMC-4FUN
Next to Plymouth Meeting Mall
CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: WORLDS AWAY 3D (PG) 12:00, 7:00. 3D;Digital Presentation
FLIGHT (R) 10:15, 1:15, 4:20, 7:25, 10:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
HITCHCOCK (PG-13) 10:40, 1:00, 3:20, 5:45, 8:15, 10:35.C INDEPENDENT;CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
JACK REACHER (PG-13) 10:30, 12:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30, 6:30, 7:20, 9:30, 10:45. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
THE SESSIONS (R) 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK (R) 11:15, 12:30, 2:10, 3:10, 5:00, 6:00, 7:45, 9:15, 10:50. Digital Presentation
SKYFALL (PG-13) 12:45, 2:30, 4:00, 7:10, 10:15. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
THIS IS 40 (R) 10:00, 1:00, 4:15, 7:35, 9:00, 10:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN - PART 2 (PG-13) 11:45, 2:30, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40. CC-Closed Captions;Digital Presentation
WRECK-IT RALPH (PG) 12:10, 5:10, 10:20. Digital Presentation
WRECK-IT RALPH IN 3D (PG) 2:40, 7:50. RealD 3D

AMC Woodhaven 10
888-AMC-4FUN
Route 13, near I-95 and Woodhaven Road exit
THE GUILT TRIP (PG-13) **Fri** 12:45, 3:10, 5:40, 8:00, 10:20; **Sat** and **Sun** 10:20-12:45-3:10-5:40-8:00-10:20.
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY IN 3D (PG-13) **Fri** 1:15, 2:30, 4:50, 6:15, 8:25, 9:10, 9:55. RealD 3D; **Sat** and **Sun** 10:45-1:15-2:30-4:50-6:15-8:25-9:10-9:55. RealD 3D
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) 12:00, 3:35, 7:10, 10:45
JACK REACHER (PG-13) **Fri** 1:05, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00. Digital Presentation; **Sat** and **Sun** 10:10-1:05-4:00-7:00-10:00. Digital Presentation
LINCOLN (PG-13) **Fri** 12:00, 3:15, 6:30, 9:45; **Sat** and **Sun** 11:30-3:00-6:30-9:45.
MONSTERS, INC. 3D (G) **Fri** 12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50. RealD 3D; **Sat** and **Sun** 10:00-12:20-2:45-5:10-7:30-9:50. RealD 3D
RISE OF THE GUARDIANS (PG) **Fri** 2:05, 6:45. Digital Presentation; **Sat** and **Sun** 10:55-2:05-6:45. Digital Presentation
RISE OF THE GUARDIANS 3D (PG) **Fri** 4:25. RealD 3D; **Sat** and **Sun** 11:45-4:25. RealD 3D
SKYFALL (PG-13) 1:25, 7:20
THIS IS 40 (R) **Fri** 1:40, 4:40, 7:45, 10:40; **Sat** and **Sun** 10:40-1:40-4:40-7:45-10:40.
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN - PART 2 (PG-13) **Fri** 4:30, 10:30; **Sat** and **Sun** 10:30-4:30-10:30.

Bryn Mawr Film Institute
610-527-9898
824 West Lancaster Avenue
BALLET IN CINEMA: ROYAL BALLET'S "THE NUTCRACKER" (NR) **Sun** 1:00
HYDE PARK ON HUDSON (R) **Fri** and **Sat** 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:30; **Sun** 1:30-4:15-7:15.
THE MUPPET CHRISTMAS CAROL (G) **Sat** 11:00
SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK (R) **Fri** and **Sat** 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30; **Sun** 4:00-7:00.

Clearview's Anthony Wayne
610-225-0980
109 West Lancaster Avenue
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY IN 3D (PG-13) **Fri** 4:00, 7:45; **Sat** and **Sun** 12:30-4:00-7:45.
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) **Fri** 3:15, 6:45, 10:15; **Sat** and **Sun** 11:30-3:00-6:30-10:00.
JACK REACHER (PG-13) **Fri** 4:15, 7:15, 10:10. 35MM; **Sat** and **Sun** 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:10. 35MM
RISE OF THE GUARDIANS (PG) **Fri** 4:30; **Sat** and **Sun** 12:00-2:15-4:30.
SKYFALL (PG-13) 6:45, 9:45
THIS IS 40 (R) **Fri** 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; **Sat** and **Sun** 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00.

Clearview's Bala Theatre
610-668-4695
157 Bala Avenue
ANNA KARENINA (R) **Fri** 3:45, 6:45, 9:30; **Sat** and **Sun** 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:30.
HITCHCOCK (PG-13) **Fri** 4:00, 7:00, 9:40; **Sat** and **Sun** 1:00-4:00-7:00-9:40.
LINCOLN (PG-13) **Fri** 3:20, 6:30, 9:35. Digital Projection; **Sat** and **Sun** 12:30-3:20-6:30-9:35. Digital Projection

Hiway Theatre
215-886-9800
212 Old York Road
SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK (R) **Fri** 4:00, 7:00, 9:50; **Sat** 1:00-4:00-7:00-9:50.; **Sun** 1:00-4:00-7:00.

Narberth Stadium 2
610-667-0115
129 North Narberth Avenue
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY IN 3D (PG-13) **Fri** 3:15, 6:45, 10:15. DLP-Digital Projection; **Sat** 11:45-3:15-6:45-10:15. DLP-Digital Projection; **Sun** 11:45-3:15-6:45. DLP-Digital Projection
RISE OF THE GUARDIANS (PG) **Fri** 3:30. DLP-Digital Projection; **Sat** and **Sun** 12:00-3:30. DLP-Digital Projection
SKYFALL (PG-13) **Fri** and **Sat** 7:00, 10:20. DLP-Digital Projection; **Sun** 7:00. DLP-Digital Projection

Regal Marketplace 24
800-326-3264 341
180 Mill Road
ARGO (R) 12:50, 3:40, 6:35, 9:35
CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: WORLDS AWAY 3D (PG) 12:00, 7:00
DABANGG 2 (NR) 11:55, 12:45, 3:15, 3:55, 6:15, 6:45, 9:05, 9:45
THE GUILT TRIP (PG-13) 11:50, 2:20, 4:40, 7:35, 9:25
HITCHCOCK (PG-13) 2:25, 5:00, 10:05
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY IN 3D (PG-13) 12:05, 1:40, 2:40, 3:50, 5:20, 6:20, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) 11:30, 12:40, 3:10, 4:30, 6:50, 8:10, 10:30
JACK REACHER (PG-13) 1:10, 1:45, 4:15, 4:45, 7:20, 7:50, 10:20, 10:50
LIFE OF PI (PG) 4:35, 10:15
LIFE OF PI 3D (PG) 1:35, 7:25
LINCOLN (PG-13) 11:40, 12:15, 2:55, 3:35, 6:25, 7:05, 9:40, 10:25
MONSTERS, INC. (G) 12:35, 3:05, 7:55
MONSTERS, INC. 3D (G) 11:45, 2:15, 4:50, 5:30, 7:15, 9:50, 10:25
RED DAWN (PG-13) 8:05, 10:45
RISE OF THE GUARDIANS (PG) 1:25, 4:00, 6:30, 9:10
SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK (R) 11:25, 2:10, 4:55, 7:45, 10:35
SKYFALL (PG-13) 12:20, 3:30, 6:40, 10:00
THIS IS 40 (R) 12:30, 1:20, 3:45, 4:20, 7:10, 7:40, 10:10, 10:40
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN - PART 2 (PG-13) 12:55, 4:05, 6:55, 9:55
WRECK-IT RALPH (PG) 12:10, 2:45, 5:25

Regal Plymouth Meeting 10
800-326-3264 335
1011 W Ridge Pike
ARGO (R) 10:35, 1:30, 4:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THE GUILT TRIP (PG-13) 11:10, 1:50, 4:50, 7:40, 10:10. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY IN 3D (PG-13) 11:00, 12:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:30, 7:00, 8:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) 10:30, 11:30, 2:30, 3:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
LIFE OF PI (PG) 4:10, 10:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
LIFE OF PI 3D (PG) 1:00, 7:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
LINCOLN (PG-13) 11:45, 3:15, 6:15, 6:45, 9:40, 10:15. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
MONSTERS, INC. (G) 1:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
MONSTERS, INC. 3D (G) 10:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
RISE OF THE GUARDIANS (PG) 10:40, 1:10, 3:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service

Ritz 5 Movies
215-925-7900
214 Walnut Street
HITCHCOCK (PG-13) **Fri** 12:10, 2:30, 5:10, 7:30, 9:40; **Sat** and **Sun** 12:10-2:30-5:10-7:30-9:40.
THE IMPOSSIBLE (PG-13) **Fri** 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:35; **Sat** and **Sun** 1:00-4:00-7:00-9:35.
LINCOLN (PG-13) **Fri** 12:20, 1:15, 3:50, 5:00, 7:20, 8:30; **Sat** and **Sun** 12:20-1:15-3:50-5:00-7:20-8:30.
RUST & BONE (DE ROUILLE ET D'OS) (R) **Fri** 12:45, 4:15, 7:10, 9:45; **Sat** and **Sun** 12:45-4:15-7:10-9:45.

Ritz East
215-925-7900
2nd Street between Walnut and Chestnut
HYDE PARK ON HUDSON (R) **Fri** 1:00, 2:00, 3:30, 4:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 9:30; **Sat** and **Sun** 1:00-2:00-3:30-4:30-6:00-7:00-8:30-9:30.

Ritz at the Bourse
215-925-7900
400 Ranstead Street
ANNA KARENINA (R) **Fri** 12:55, 1:45, 3:45, 5:15, 6:40, 8:15, 9:30; **Sat** and **Sun** 12:55-1:45-3:45-5:15-6:40-8:15-9:30.
ANY DAY NOW (R) **Fri** 1:00, 3:40, 7:25, 9:45; **Sat** and **Sun** 1:00-3:40-7:25-9:45.
THE CENTRAL PARK FIVE (NR) 4:15, 9:35
DEADFALL (KIN) (R) 1:20, 7:15
THE SESSIONS (R) **Fri** 1:30, 4:00, 7:20, 9:40; **Sat** and **Sun** 1:30-4:00-7:20-9:40.

The Pearl Theatre at Avenue North
215-763-7700
1600 North Broad Street
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY IN 3D (PG-13) **Fri** and **Sat** 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:30; **Sun** 12:00-3:30-7:00.
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) **Fri** and **Sat** 1:00, 4:30, 8:00, 11:30; **Sun** 1:00-4:30-8:00.
JACK REACHER (PG-13) **Fri** and **Sat** 12:30, 3:50, 6:50, 9:40, 12:30; **Sun** 12:30-3:50-6:50-9:40.
MONSTERS, INC. 3D (G) **Fri** and **Sat** 12:10, 2:50, 5:00, 7:10, 9:20, 11:30; **Sun** 12:10-2:50-5:00-7:10-9:20.
RISE OF THE GUARDIANS (PG) 2:20, 4:40
RISE OF THE GUARDIANS 3D (PG) 12:20
SKYFALL (PG-13) 6:50, 9:50
THIS IS 40 (R) **Fri** and **Sat** 12:20, 3:40, 6:40, 9:30, 12:20; **Sun** 12:20-3:40-6:40-9:30.
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN - PART 2 (PG-13) **Fri** and **Sat** 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00, 12:30; **Sun** 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00.

Tuttleman IMAX Theater - Franklin Institute
215-448-1111
20th & Benjamin Franklin Parkway
FORCES OF NATURE (LARGE FORMAT) (G) **Fri** 12:15
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY AN IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG-13) 3:15, 6:15, 9:15, 12:15
ROCKY MOUNTAIN EXPRESS (G) **Fri** 10:15, 2:15; **Sat** and **Sun** 12:15.
TITANICA (1995) (NR) **Fri** 11:15, 1:15; **Sat** and **Sun** 10:15-11:15-1:15-2:15.

UA Grant Plaza 9
800-326-3264 651
1619 Grant Avenue - Grant Plaza 2 Shopping Center
THE GUILT TRIP (PG-13) 11:45, 2:20, 4:50, 7:40, 10:10. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY IN 3D (PG-13) 4:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) 11:30, 12:00, 3:30, 7:05, 8:00, 10:00, 10:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
JACK REACHER (PG-13) 12:30, 4:20, 7:30, 10:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
LINCOLN (PG-13) 11:20, 2:35, 6:30, 9:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
MONSTERS, INC. (G) 2:10. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
MONSTERS, INC. 3D (G) 11:50, 4:30, 7:00, 10:35. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
RISE OF THE GUARDIANS (PG) 11:25, 2:00, 4:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
SKYFALL (PG-13) 7:10, 10:25. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THIS IS 40 (R) 12:20, 4:10, 7:20, 10:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN - PART 2 (PG-13) 11:40, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service

UA King of Prussia Stadium 16
800-326-3264 644
Located on Mall Boulevard across from The Plaza King of Prussia
CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: WORLDS AWAY 3D (PG) 12:00, 7:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THE GUILT TRIP (PG-13) 11:10, 1:40, 4:50, 7:50, 10:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
HITCHCOCK (PG-13) 11:15, 2:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE IN HFR (PG-13) 11:00, 2:50, 6:50, 10:40. HFR;IMAX
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY IN 3D (PG-13) 12:40, 4:30, 8:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service; 12:10-4:00-8:00. HFR
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) 11:30, 3:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
JACK REACHER (PG-13) 11:50, 12:30, 3:20, 3:50, 6:40, 7:10, 9:50, 10:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
LIFE OF PI 3D (PG) 3:10, 9:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
LINCOLN (PG-13) **Fri** 2:20, 6:20, 9:35. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service; **Sat** and **Sun** 11:05-2:20-6:20-9:35. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
MONSTERS, INC. (G) 2:10. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
MONSTERS, INC. 3D (G) 11:40, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
RISE OF THE GUARDIANS (PG) 11:25, 2:05, 4:35, 7:05, 9:45. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK (R) 12:20, 3:00, 6:30, 9:40
SKYFALL (PG-13) 11:20, 3:40, 7:15, 10:35. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THIS IS 40 (R) **Fri** and **Sat** 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40, 12:00; **Sun** 12:20-2:40-5:00-7:20-9:40.
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN - PART 2 (PG-13) **Fri** and **Sat** 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00, 12:30; **Sun** 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00.

UA Main Street 6
800-326-3264 647
3720-40 Main Street
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY IN 3D (PG-13) 12:35, 4:20, 7:00, 8:00
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) 12:00, 3:45, 10:40
JACK REACHER (PG-13) 12:15, 3:30, 7:30, 10:35
LIFE OF PI 3D (PG) 12:45, 4:00
MONSTERS, INC. (G) 2:15
MONSTERS, INC. 3D (G) 11:45, 4:45, 7:10, 9:50
SKYFALL (PG-13) 7:20, 10:25
THIS IS 40 (R) 12:55, 4:10, 7:40, 10:45

UA Movies at 69th Street 9
800-326-3264 654
53 South 69th Street
CALL THEATER FOR SCHEDULE.

UA Riverview Stadium 17
800-326-3264 650
1400 South Columbus Boulevard
ARGO (R) 7:25, 10:10. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: WORLDS AWAY 3D (PG) 12:00, 7:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THE COLLECTION (R) 12:45, 5:50, 10:45
THE GUILT TRIP (PG-13) 11:50, 2:40, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY IN 3D (PG-13) 1:30, 5:30, 9:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service; 11:30-12:40-3:30-4:30-7:30-8:30. HFR
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) 11:00, 12:10, 3:00, 4:00, 6:50, 8:00, 10:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
JACK REACHER (PG-13) 12:20, 1:00, 3:20, 4:10, 6:30, 7:20, 9:50, 10:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
KILLING THEM SOFTLY (R) 3:15, 8:15
LIFE OF PI 3D (PG) 2:50, 9:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
MONSTERS, INC. (G) 2:10. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
MONSTERS, INC. 3D (G) 11:40, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
RISE OF THE GUARDIANS (PG) 11:20, 2:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK (R) 1:05, 4:05, 7:35, 10:35
SKYFALL (PG-13) 12:35, 3:50, 7:05, 10:15. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THIS IS 40 (R) 12:50, 4:20, 7:40, 10:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
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WRECK-IT RALPH (PG) 11:10, 2:00, 4:45. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service

The feed ...

▶ We asked our readers for their thoughts on this year's weirdest celebrity hookups.

@JulesinPhilly
K-Stew & Rupert Sanders... oh no she didn't! ...oh yes I did.

@kn8
A 22-year-old millionaire country singer and the underage Kennedy grandchild who stole her heart.

@LaGalleria33
Mary Kate Olsen & Olivier Sarkozy

@therealjerry_82 yeah. Katy Perry and Jon Maher. I don't get that one at all!

@mel_sterling717 taylor swift an connor kennedy! Dude was a junior in HS! Kinda gross on her part! Jus a lil! Lol

@cardiff_flyer
Chris Christie and Barack Obama; Taylor Swift and that Kennedy toddler, KStew and anyone willing to do her.

@ElodieNM
Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher- no need to divorce was pretty weird and sudden..

@JAsquaredW
Simon Cowell and Carmen Electra is pretty bizarre

THE WORD

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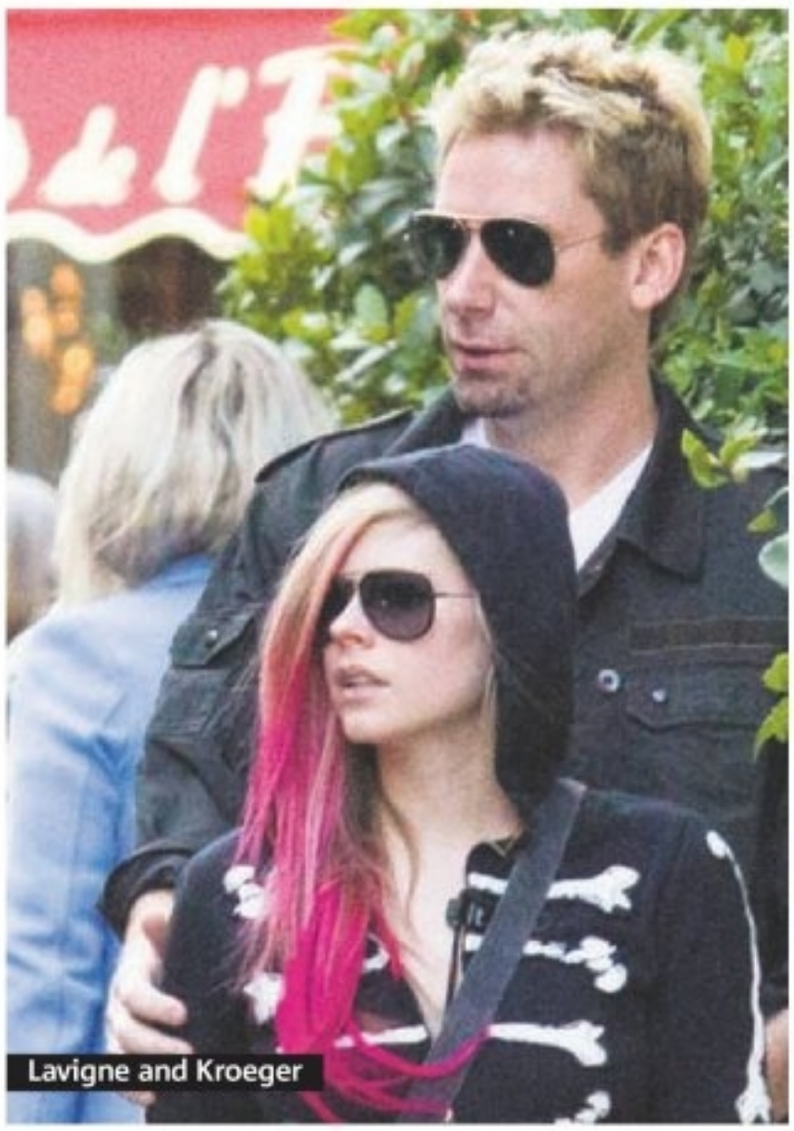
THE WEIRDEST CELEB HOOKUPS OF 2012

--Rosario Dawson and Danny Boyle

A 22-year age difference hasn't stopped director **Danny Boyle** and actress **Rosario Dawson** from "canoodling" all over London, per the brilliant and descriptive London press. The May/December romance apparently bloomed on the set of their new movie "Trance." Perhaps it was the Olympics' bizarre opening ceremony that took Dawson's heart?

Simon Cowell and Carmen Electra

The rumors are kind of true: "She's not my girlfriend," **Cowell**, 53, explained when he called in to "On Air with **Ryan Seacrest**" yesterday about the whispers of a possible romance. "We're people who date." How very "bro" of you, Simon.



Lavigne and Kroeger

Avril Lavigne and Chad Kroeger

To the surprise of most, the singers got engaged this year after quietly dating for six months, **Lavigne**'s rep confirmed to People magazine. "A romantic relationship blossomed as they spent time writing together," the rep says. This will be the Canadian singer's second marriage after splitting from Sum 41 frontman **Deryck Whibley** in 2009. **Kroeger** "makes her so happy," a source tells the magazine. "Both of their families could not be more excited."

Bobbi Kristina Brown and her 'adopted brother'

It was announced this year on the terrible reality show "The Houstons: On Our Own" that **Bobbi Kristina Brown** and **Nick Gordon**, who lived with **Whitney Houston** from the time he was 12, are indeed engaged. Gordon was never officially adopted by Houston and he isn't a blood relative of Bobbi Kristina, but the pseudo-siblings have referred to each other as "brother" and "sister," which, you know, gives us the willies.

Taylor Swift and Connor Kennedy

Everyone seems to be aghast at this hookup (**Swift** was 22 at the time they were dating; **Kennedy** was 18), but no one says anything when a man is 22 years older than his girlfriend (see: Dawson and Boyle). Maybe your next song should be about double standards, Taylor.

Talking points

Depp digs the bisexual Heard

Newly single **Johnny Depp** is reportedly hung up on his "Rum Diary" co-star **Amber Heard**. The only problem is the feeling isn't exactly mutual, according to Radar Online. "Johnny and Amber have been having a lot of fun spending time with one another, but Amber keeps telling him she's not interested in being with him in a monogamous relationship," a source says. "She says she feels she's too young for him, but the main factor is Amber prefers dating women over men and has no interest in committing to a guy — even if he is Johnny Depp."

Depp and Heard

Danes welcomes baby Cyrus

"Homeland" star **Claire Danes** and husband **Hugh Dancy** welcomed their first child, a son, this week, her rep confirms to People magazine. **Cyrus Christopher Dancy** was born Monday "exactly at 3 p.m.," Dancy reportedly told friends and family in an e-mail. "Mother and baby are well, healthy and happy."

Stewart and Pattinson host Christmas party

Danes

Kristen Stewart and **Robert Pattinson** are reportedly getting pretty domestic, even going so far as to host a small Christmas party for their friends, according to Hollywood Life. "Kristen and Rob had a small, intimate Christmas tree decorating party on Sunday. They have a gorgeous tree set up at Kristen's, where Rob pretty much lives now," a source says.

More financial problems for Lohan

Lindsay Lohan continues to face financial problems along with her legal troubles. Aside from owing more back taxes to the IRS and a little less than $20,000 to a storage unit rental company, the troubled actress reportedly claims she wants to see a therapist but can't afford to. Well, her father, Michael Lohan, has quite the Christmas present for her — if she's willing to seek a specific kind of help. "The cost of rehab will be taken care of if she wants or agrees to go," Lohan tells Hollyscoop.

Men in hats

1: Songwriter **Alberta Cross** sang at A Love Letter To NYC to Benefit Hurricane Sandy Relief on Dec. 18 in New York.

2: Jason Mraz kept his ears (kind of) warm at the 2012 National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 6 in Washington, D.C.

3: It's hard to spot **Bruno Mars** without a hat on. Here he is outside the BBC Maida Vale Studios on Dec. 6 in London.

4: Jackie Chan (and his non-hat-wearing panda friends) posed during a photo-call for the "Armour of God 3" in Moscow.

5: Leonard Cohen performed at Madison Square Garden on Dec. 18 in New York City.

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music

NEW SWEDEN TAKES THE EXPRESS ROUTE

When this Wilmington-based band hits the studio, they expect to leave with an album — quickly Catch them live this weekend

William Dobies and Jimmy Dukenfield met while performing at a flea market; such were the gigs the two young songwriters were landing at the time. But since forming New Sweden, a folk-infused six-piece, in 2009, the pair have discovered more receptive venues for their confessional songwriting.

More recently, the Wilmington-based Sweden have gained favor with WXPN, further expanding the band's clique of tri-state fans. On Friday, the band will headline MilkBoy Philly, playing most of the tracks off of their sole studio release, "The Mountain."

"We plowed through that record in two-and-a-half days. It was that fast. So it's almost like a live record in a way," explains Dobies. "At the time, we felt like the longer it takes, the more we're gonna nitpick. I talk to other musicians and they're always saying, 'We're working on something.' And they say that for months and months. So we just said, 'Let's do this and get it out.' We have the songs and we believe in them. That's all we need."

But the Swedes have grown leaps and bounds since "The Mountain." Many of their new songs, such as "Frying Pan," manage a delicate, sophisticated level of intimacy in both lyrics and music. "When we started, I came in with a bunch of songs I had been working on for years. And we would just try them out one by one," says Dobies. "As we've progressed, I can just come in with an idea — maybe just one vocal line — and we can build a song together."

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If you go

New Sweden
Friday, 9:30
MilkBoy Philly
1100 Chestnut St.
$10, 215-925-MILK
www.newsweden music.blogspot.com

Live this weekend

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Friday, 8 p.m.
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Ticketmaster.com

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Utphilly.com

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Johnnybrendas.com

Weekend playlist

Songza the year 2012

You're going to go to a bunch of parties where people are going to ask what your favorite song of the year was. Instead of blurting out "Gangnam Style" or "Call Me Maybe," we suggest you give a good listen to the playlist at **www.metro.us/songza and www.songza.com/listen/cool-new-music-best-of-2012-songza**. It's five-and-a-half hours featuring many critically acclaimed albums released in 2012.

— Songza is a streaming platform that mines years of music history and today's music blogs for the best gems, so you don't have to. The company, which calls itself a music concierge service, offers expertly-curated playlists for free on the Web, iPhone and iPad.

▶ Father John Misty makes the list.

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new year's eve

A warm welcome to 2013

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Amada
217-219 Chestnut St.
www.amadarestaurant.com
Our usual special-occasion motto is "You can't go wrong with Amada — unless you don't do pork." But this year, Jose Garces's flagship is offering a vegetarian tasting menu in addition to the usual.

La Calaca Felize
2321 Fairmount Ave.
www.lacalacafeliz.com
This Fairmount hot spot is always festive — the name, after all, means "the happy skeleton." It's sending off 2012 with two tasting menus ($40 and $55) brimming with treats such as duck barbacoa tacos and rum-soaked pineapple cake.

Zahav
237 St. James Place
www.zahavrestaurant.com
Zahav sparkles even more on New Year's Eve, when its little perch above Old City seems to put you miles away from that girl crying about her heels. Chef Michael Solomonov is serving up two tasting menus, which you can add wine pairings to.

▶ Bar Ferdinand has the dance party covered.

Bar Ferdinand
1030 N. Second St.
www.barferdinand.com
There's more to this party than David Ansill's six-course Spanish feast ($70) — although that would be enough. Stick around for flamenco dancing and a midnight toast complete with the "Twelve Grapes of Luck," a Spanish tradition where you eat a grape for each toll of the clock in the name of prosperity.

The morning after

Shake off Dec. 31 at **Percy Street Barbecue**'s New Year's Day recovery brunch. Included on the menu is the "hangover plate": sunny-side up eggs with grilled pork belly, buttered toast and cheesy grits. It's served up with a "Hillbilly Gatorade," a hair-of-the-dog concoction that mixes, God help you, Miller High Life, pickle juice and barbecue sauce.
900 South St., www.percystreet.com

City Tap House
3925 Walnut St.
www.citytaphouse.com
The beauty of the NYE open bar is that you really have nowhere to go but up in the New Year. City Tap House's goes for $65 and puts you squarely in University City, which isn't a bad thing if you're doing an open bar on Dec. 31.

Alla Spina
1410 Mt. Vernon St.
www.allaspinaphilly.com
Marc Vetri's Italian gastropub is featuring "champagne-like beers" on tap — and considering this is Marc Vetri, we're guessing this doesn't mean High Life.

Talula's Garden
210 W. Washington Square
www.talulasgarden.com
Can't deal with going out on New Year's Eve? Talula's hears you — it's serving its eight-course tasting menu ($100) Dec. 28-Jan. 1. On the highlights reel: chilled lobster salad with pink grapefruit and tarragon, seared snapper and oxtail mac-and-cheese.

Valanni
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Tuesday, January 15, 2013
Morning Session: 11:30 AM
Evening Session: 5:00 PM
SEPTA Board Room, Mezzainine Level
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Speakers for the morning and evening sessions must register by 12:30 PM and 5:30 PM, respectively.

The purpose of these meetings is to receive input regarding SEPTA's current capital program and future capital needs. This input will be considered during the preparation of the Authority's Fiscal Year 2014 Capital Budget and Fiscal Years 2014-2025 Capital Program for which public hearings will be conducted in April 2013.

The Authority's approved Fiscal Year 2013 Capital Budget and Fiscal Years 2013-2024 Capital Program document is available for review at SEPTA's website (www.septa.org). Comments on SEPTA's capital program can also be emailed to capbudget@septa.org). Comments on SEPTA's capital program can also be emailed to capbudget@septa.org or mailed to the following address, no later than 5:00 PM on February 14, 2013.

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The meat of the matter

Want to get to know your dinner a little better? The Farm and Fisherman is hosting a new series of butchering classes

Hot chef

Earmuffs, vegetarians: Some of us don't just like eating animals — we want to know how to butcher our own. If you want to get in on the trade or just know your meat a little better, then Josh Lawler — one-half of the husband-and-wife team at The Farm and Fisherman — is your man. The restaurant is now taking reservations for butchering classes, in which Lawler will demonstrate how to properly assess, cut and cook various meats.

You learned about butchering from your grandfather, is that right?

JASON VARNEY

Chef Josh Lawler will host butchering classes at The Farm and Fisherman (1120 Pine St.).

The Farm and Fisherman is known for its farm-to-table approach. Any favorite farms?

For meat I like Wyebrook Farms in Downingtown, and for veggies I go for Tom Culton Organics. I go to the farmers market in West Philly on Saturdays, and then Headhouse when they're open.

If you go

Lawler's butchering classes ($125-$140) kick off at The Farm and Fisherman in 2013. Classes are limited to 15 students, so reservations are required.

- **Jan. 27:** Whole Pig & Sausage Making
- **Feb. 24:** Venison & Game
- **March 24:** Lamb & Goat & Sausage

Yes, he had a small shop in Ardmore. I would always stand on the chair next to him on Thanksgiving and watch him carve the bird. I still use some of his knives today. I think that people want to go back to that time, when they would interact with their butcher.

So you're seeing that in your classes then?

Half the class is super interested in where the meat is coming from and how it's taken care of.

What about after class? Where do you go for a drink near the restaurant?

When I'm allowed to go out? Usually Oscar's — it's classic. I'm down the street from Dirty Frank's, so I'll sometimes stop in for a drink over there.

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Horoscope

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Instead of playing cat and mouse with someone whom you know likes you, come clean about how you feel. One way or another, it'll clear the air.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Take the initiative to investigate a matter that has aroused your suspicions. Once you do, you'll be able to confirm your thinking as fact or fiction.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Try to keep in touch with persons who are vital to your plans. Instead of making them feel that you're peeking over their shoulders, it'll give them incentive to help you out.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Conditions continue to look favorable for you where money is concerned. In case you don't know it, you're on a profitable roll and you should keep doing what you've been doing.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Your approach to life is likely to be fresh and quite different, stimulating your mind and leading to some very unique ideas. A few might even open up some doors for you.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Do more listening than talking if you find yourself in the company of someone you deem to be shrewd and worldly. You may learn something that you can use to your advantage.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** A situation might arise that could offer you a chance to get better acquainted with someone you've been avoiding. Your hostile opinion of him or her could be reversed.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Although you might hold a slight edge in a situation where you're competing against another, it's not so large that you can afford to be overconfident. Tread slowly and softly.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Get involved with people who take life philosophically and look at it in a fun light. You're not likely to be very comfortable around those who take themselves too seriously.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** A significant profit can be derived from an unusual investment or from something you're selling. In either case, you should come out well.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Someone close to you may need an assessment of a situation in which she or he is involved. If you believe you can help in any way, offer some advice — even if it's unsolicited.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** As long as you don't get greedy, things should work out rather well in your financial affairs. Don't put a damper on your dealings by demanding too much.

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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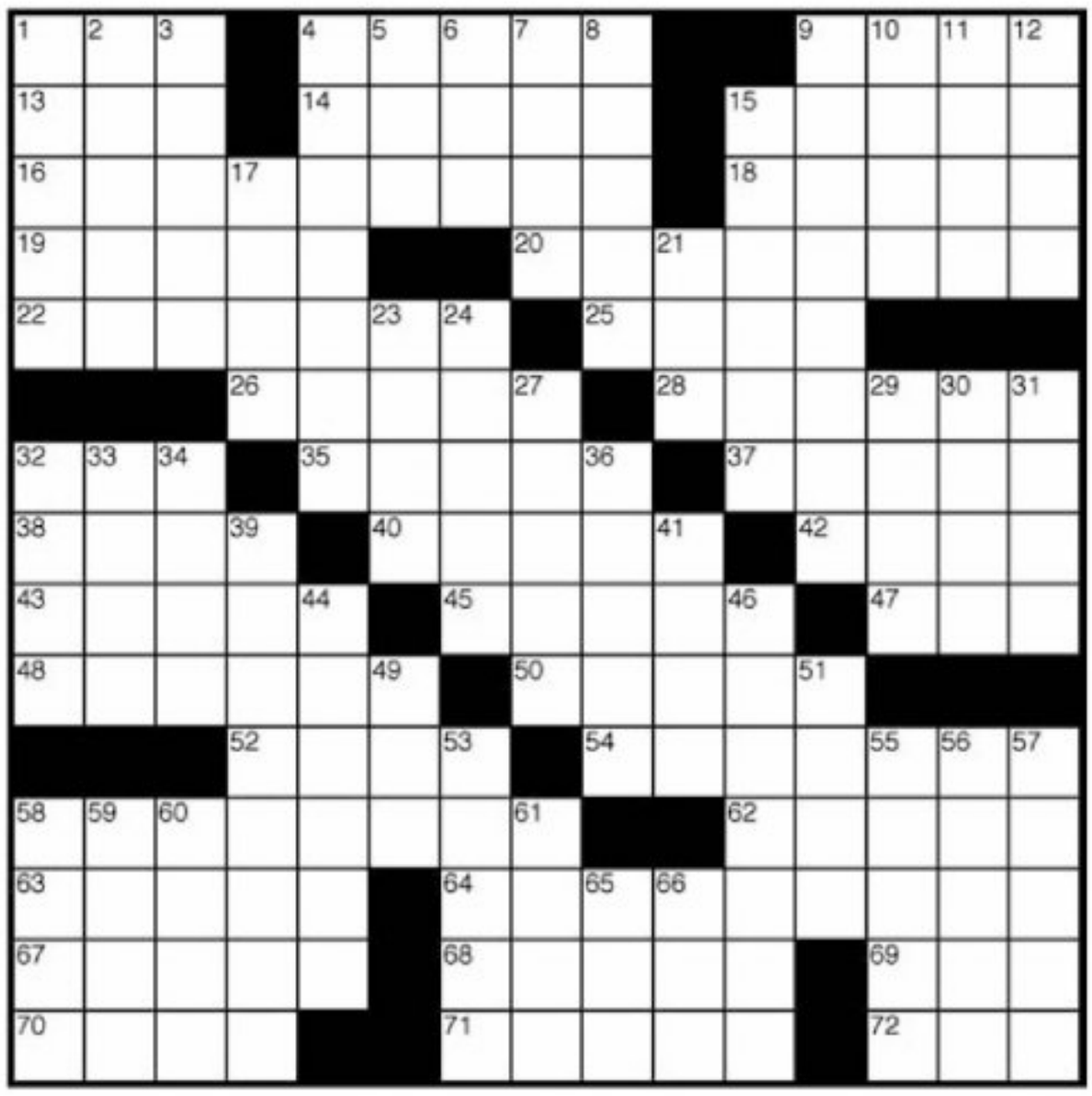

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Letters to the editor

Those who forget history are doomed to be called on it

RE: "FOUNDING FATHERS WANTED ARMED, RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS" (METRO, DEC. 20) Letter writer Stephan Dejean is mistaken on several counts in his reply to Larry Fowler's letter. There were indeed 40 signers. Delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed before submitting it for ratification. Also, he incorrectly describes it as being ratified by the legislatures of "the 13 colonies." The Constitution was signed more than 11 years after the colonies had declared themselves to be colonies no more. And as the Constitution itself states, it was ratified by conventions and not legislatures. Finally, the Militia Act of 1792 only required eligible men to own a musket, not a rifle.

DAN WYLIE-SEARS, VIA E-MAIL

Stephen Dejean misunderstands the reason why the Founding Fathers envisioned "every American to be armed," and the reason why the law required every able-bodied adult male to purchase and keep a firearm. In the days before large-standing armies and police forces, it was the individual citizen, who was part of a well-trained, well-disciplined and well-regulated militia, who was responsible for national defense. Now that we have large-standing armed forces, a National Guard to replace the old militias and police forces at all levels of government, the original intention is now essentially meaningless. Sure — let's debate the degree to which firearms ownership should be permitted, but rationale of 200 years ago has long since lost its validity. **JONATHAN T. MELICK, VIA E-MAIL**

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RE: "VOTE OUT ANYONE IN BED WITH NRA" (METRO, DEC. 20) The Second Amendment in its entirety reads: "A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." The NRA has shown itself to have no use for the "well-regulated" part. Regulation of cell phone bandwidth, nuclear waste storage and aircraft aren't in the Constitution — but we need them and we have them. Same goes for firearms. Nancy Lanza's death is proof enough that having guns around does not make you safe.

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3 THINGS TO WATCH

Eagles host Redskins Sunday (1 p.m., FOX) McCoy expected to start Reid's final home game at the Linc? A look at what we're watching

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▶ Will you boo or cheer Andy Reid Sunday?

1 Guess who's back? Shady's back.
Andy Reid promised to use LeSean McCoy in a more limited role than normal, but that doesn't mean he won't be at full speed. McCoy has no plans to change his style — remember, he was the one looking for contact at the Pro Bowl last year — and that could be both dangerous (injury?) and productive as the offense tries to gel over these last two games. Either way, McCoy is here to play so might as well feed him the rock and watch him rack up big gains. "I'm a competitor, and I'm going to finish the season out," McCoy promised. Also keep an eye on Bryce Brown. Can the rookie back actually hold onto the football?

2 Bye-bye, Big Red. Will it be a fond farewell?
If this is indeed Andy Reid's final season here as head coach — and all indications are that it is — then this game will mark his finale at the Linc. Which begs the question, how will the Eagles faithful send him off? Will he get cheers as the greatest coach in franchise history who guided the Birds to five NFC championship games and a Super Bowl? Or will he get boos as the bumbling mad scientist who changed his whole philosophy (roster, coaching staff, scheme) and failed to make the playoffs in the past two seasons? Either way, let the coaching search begin.

3 Can the Birds defense figure out RG3?
Robert Griffin III put on a clinic the last time these teams met, registering a perfect QB rating and throwing four TDs. (The Redskins QB is expected to start after practicing for two straight days.) It will be interesting to see how the Eagles' defense will adjust (or if they can adjust) to RG3 and the read option offense. Hopefully, they have figured out some kind of blueprint for a guy they'll see frequently for the next decade. "I don't feel like it's a blueprint or nonblueprint, I think we're prepared," defensive coordinator Todd Bowles said Thursday.

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Assistant coaches and players all in for Reid

Andy Reid may be coaching his final home game at Lincoln Financial Field. In fact, the entire Eagles coaching staff might be standing on that sideline for the last time.

While everyone in the organization tries to block that talk out, it's there. And it will be in the back of the mind of every fan who walks through the turnstile.

"I do think it will probably be an emotional game for many of the fans. I would suspect most of them," said offensive coordinator Marty Mornhinweg, who joined Reid's staff in 2003. "Andy's got Hall of Fame numbers, and really the only thing we haven't done here and he hasn't done here is win a Super Bowl. He's been to one and I believe five NFC championships, so he's had a heck of a run."

Reid himself said he hasn't "gone there," but his players certainly have. LeSean McCoy has long been one of Reid's strongest supporters in the locker room, and he's not backtracking now.

"If you sat here and tried to name five to eight coaches that are better than Coach Reid, I would like to hear them," McCoy said. "Whatever happens, happens, but I'm behind Coach Reid 110 percent."

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▶ Adams struggled last season in Texas.

It's a gamble, but when hasn't Ruben Amaro Jr. been prone to gambling?

The Phillies officially introduced new bullpen arm Mike Adams on Thursday. He'll earn $12 million over the next two seasons while serving as the team's setup guy.

"I'm just excited about the opportunity to play for the Phillies," Adams said. "I know this is a place where the fans are very rabid about their Phillies. This is one of those places where it's exciting to come to the ballpark every day, and I'm excited about coming here every day."

Since 2008, Adams has been lights out. He's posted a 1.98 ERA while striking out 311 batters in that span. But the 34-year-old recorded a 3.27 ERA last season and underwent surgery for a condition called thoracic outlet syndrome.

"Last year was a struggle for me," Adams said.

Adams insists he'll be ready for spring training, but there is a risk he won't regain his form.

"While there is some risk to it, it probably was a good risk," Amaro said. "This is a guy who can solidify our bullpen."

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Phils could pull trigger for corner outfielder

Power bat still on Amaro's radar ◗ With weak free agent field, GM may seek to improve via trade ◗ Berkman could be good fit

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▶ Amaro knows the best deals are after Christmas.

Ruben Amaro has filled a number of needs. Mike Adams is the new setup man. Michael Young will play third. John Lannan looks to take over Vance Worley's spot in the rotation and the Phillies hope Ben Revere will resemble a young Juan Pierre in center field.

But the Phillies need an infusion of power from a corner outfielder. Will the Phillies stand pat and hope that Darin Ruf and/or Domonic Brown drive the ball with consistency next season or will Amaro make a deal?

During his post-mortem press conference, Amaro admitted that he wasn't that impressed with the flock of free agent outfielders and that a trade might be the best answer.

Problem is, the Phillies don't have many chips left. Could they start the season with their current personnel?

"It's very possible that we have the answers internally," Amaro said. "I feel comfortable with the way our club is today."

Amaro added that there is still plenty of time to add to the club.

"If there is a way to improve it and not just marginally, we'll try to do that," Amaro said. "We're still trolling through the possibility of adding another piece there," Amaro said. "We're also considering the possibility of a double platoon. A lot of it depends on how we feel about the combination of players in the corners."

Don't be surprised if Amaro goes under the radar and signs Lance Berkman to help add some pop. Amaro has been patient so far and he may wait it out for a good situation. Amaro, like any good shopper, knows that the some of the best deals are after Christmas.

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